emergency or any unforeseen demand, he will certainly be supplied with rice. But it is a general rule that in a district, which is surplus in millets, and where millet is the normal consumption of the population, there should be no stock of rice, and I do not think that there is any need to stock any rice there. But if it is asked for at any time, it will be given."

SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" Sir, is it not a fact that about 25 to 30 per cent of the people of that district are rice-eaters and that the present stock of rice is not sufficient for them and that some more rice should be sent there? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" It is the Collector of the district who is to examine the question and if he wants more rice to be sent to the district and explains the reasons therefor, the Government will consider and do something in the matter."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Is South Kanara a deficit or a surplus district? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" If the hon. Member had watched the debate on the adjournment motion in the other House the other day, he would have known what it is. But all the same, we consider that South Kanara is a surplus district."

Popularising of fish eating.

* 70 *Q*.—SRI K. MANATHUNAINATHA DESIGAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Food be pleased to state what steps the Government have taken to popularise fish eating and make it available in the deficit areas in the ensuing months?

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" No special steps are considered necessary by the Government for popularising the eating of fish. The Government have sanctioned several Grow More Fish Schemes for increasing the production of fish in the Province. One of the items of work proposed to be undertaken by the Fishery Marketing Officer in the immediate future is the provision of increased transport facilities for fish and fishery products from surplus areas to deficit areas."

SRI B. NARAYANASWAMI NAYUDU :—" Is there enough fish at all to catch? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" Sir, I think we have got a wide sea coast and have got all the facilities and natural resources for deep-sea fishing."

SRI B. NARAYANASWAMI NAYUDU :—" May I know if we have got enough catch to feed the population? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" Sir, so far as facilities for deep-sea fishing are concerned, I must admit, we have

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not got enough and we are very far behind other countries in the matter of deep-sea fishing. But the Government are taking steps to see what can be done in that direction."

Electricity supplied to factories, etc.

* 71 *Q.*—SRI P. VEERABHADRASWAMI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) the quantity of electricity supplied to (1) factories, (2) for lighting in the City of Madras in 1946–47; and

(*b*) whether the Government propose to take over the Madras Electrical Tramways or allow the Corporation to take it over?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) Particulars of the quantity of electricity supplied during the year 1946–47 are not available exclusively for the City of Madras, but are available for the whole area served by the Madras Electric Supply Corporation, Limited, which comprises the Madras City and an area extending a little beyond the City limits. The particulars are not strictly classifiable under the two heads 'factories' and 'lighting', but have been maintained by the Madras Electric Supply Corporation, Limited, under several heads which are given below :—

	UNITS.
(1) Industrial Power (Low and Medium voltage supplies)	5,574,673
(2) Industrial Power (High voltage supplies)	18,937,225
(3) Tramways	5,119,992
(4) Electric Railways	13,031,869
(5) Public Water Works and sewage pumping	3,031,810
(6) Supply to Military Engineering Service.	3,353,226
(7) Supplies in bulk to other distributing licensees	701,495
(8) Commercial light and small power (Heat and Power, i.e., power for appliance such as frigidaire, pump motor, etc.).	3,786,523
(9) Domestic consumption (Heat and power)	407,550
(10) Street lighting	1,820,532
(11) Domestic consumption (Lights and Fans)	6,085,163
(12) Commercial consumption (Lights and Fans)	6,337,452
Total ...	68,187,510